

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

May 3, 2023

The Mayor & Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held a regularly scheduled meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons attended the meeting either in person or virtually: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Director of Finance Steven H. Repole, CPA; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Planning Assistant Quinn Krenzle; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present with no corrections.

ACTION: The Financial Report and the bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt announced that recognition of the Employee of the Quarter and Employee Milestones was deferred to the May 17th meeting.

Town Administrator's Report

Public Works Agreement - Music Farm LLC for Elkton Music Hall 107 North Street
Presented for Approval

Mr. George presented a Public Works Agreement (PWA) for the Elkton Music Hall at 107 North Street. He stated the purpose of the PWA is to tie into the existing water service line to accommodate flow for the building sprinkler system.

ACTION: The PWA for the Elkton Music Hall at 107 North Street was approved on motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt stated the Town received (20 quotes for placement of a fence between the west side of the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC) and properties in the 400-block of North

Street. Mr. George stated since the quotes exceeded \$10,000 the task will be advertised as a Capital Project.

Mayor Alt stated he and members of the Board attended the Apple Auto Grand Re-opening event at 11:00 a.m. on this date.

Mayor Alt stated the Board will host an Economic Development Summit meeting on Monday, May 15th. He stated the purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum for discussion of the planned Sports Plex and the resultant direct and indirect economic impact, adding that representatives of Cecil County Government, the Elkton Alliance, developers and staff were invited to attend.

Mayor Alt, referring the Town's share of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, stated the Town received donation requests from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cecil County, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8175 and the William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine Hook & Ladder Company #1 of Elkton, MD, Inc. (Singerly Fire Company).

Mayor Alt stated the applications were evaluated for meeting requirements of U.S. Treasury Guidelines as Qualifying Expense #5 "Declines in revenues that supported payroll, employee retention, mortgage, rent, utilities, and other capital and operating costs", and requested the Board's approval of the following donations:

ACTION: The request of CASA for an ARPA funded donation of \$44,652 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

ACTION: The request of VFW Post 8175 for an ARPA funded donation of \$24,560 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Broomell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

ACTION: The request of Singerly Fire Company for an ARPA funded donation of \$654,490 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt stated he recently witnessed Commissioner Piner removing debris from the travel lane of a local street. He thanked Commissioner Piner for doing so, adding that Town are stewards for the residents, and asked that staff proactively address issues such as litter, etc.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano stated members of the Board attended the opening of the Frederick Ward Associates office, located at the former site of Edward's on Main Street.

Commissioner Massimiano stated the Rotary Club's request for placement of banners on Town-owned poles to commemorate the club's 100th Anniversary in 2024. Mayor Alt asked to see

the banner design, adding that permitting one entity to use Town property then entities should be accommodated.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner requested nuisance wildlife enforcement in the area of North, Collins, Milburn and East High Streets.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens expressed frustration regarding inconsistencies associated with trash and recycling collection. He stated residents should be provided a schedule they can count on.

Mr. Handley stated he is in communications with the corporate offices of Waste Management, the Town's hauler adding that he will be soliciting bids for a new contract.

Commissioner Broomell echoed Commissioner Givens' concerns regarding Waste Management.

Commissioner Givens reported that Wrights AME Church is moving its Juneteenth commemoration to the NCC, due to growth in participation for the event. He stated formal invitations will be forwarded.

Commissioner Givens stated that Wrights AME Church Reverend R. Kevin Brown received notice of reassignment, adding that Rev. Wright served the Church for 10 years.

Public Comment

Mr. Salvatore Adams, resident of North Street, requested assistance regarding landlords who do not maintain their properties, resulting in negative impacts on neighbors.

Discussion ensued regarding creation of a Rental Ordinance.

Ms. Barbara Riser stated she is a resident of North Street, and echoed Mr. Adams' concerns.

Motion for Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; Commissioner Givens made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt announced that the Public Meeting will not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE

Note: The minutes of regularly scheduled public meetings conducted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton, following their approval, are posted at www.elkton.org. The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921.